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SUBJECT: OCTOBER 28 PRESS COVERAGE OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT

1. THE NEW DELHI PRESS GREETED THE SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL WITH FRONT PAGE HEADLINES STRESSING THE MATURE OR REALISTIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND INDIA AND GIVING PROMINENCE TO THE SECRETARY'S WISH THAT THE TALKS WILL FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE STRONG TIES WITH INDIA. PICTURES OF THE SECRETARY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER Y.B. CHAVAN WERE CARRIED ON ALL THE FRONT PAGES EXCEPT THE COMMUNIST DAILY PATRIOT WHICH CARRIED FRONT PAGE COVERAGE OF A SMALL CPI DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE SECRETARY'S VISIT. THE OTHER PAPERS INCLUDED THAT STORY ON THEIR INSIDE OR BACK PAGE. THE SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT AND THE TOAST WERE WELL REPORTED.(NEW DELHI 14447. NEW DELHI 14454.)

2. AN EDITORIAL-PAGE PIECE BY RESPECTED COMMENTATOR GIRILAL JAIN IN THE TIMES OF INDIA REHEARSED INDO-US RELATIONS OVER THE PAST DECADE AND SAW NOW "FACTORS MAKING FOR CORDIALITY." HE WROTE THAT "IN HISTORIC TERMS, 1971 SAW THE RESOLUTION OF TWO OUTSTANDING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN

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NEW DELHI AND WAHSINGTON--INDIA'S PLACE IN SOUTH ASIA AND

AMERICA'S POLICY TOWARDS CHINA AND THE REST OF ASIA."

3. WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT T.V. PARASURAM WRITING ON THE EDITORIAL PAGES OF THE INDIAN EXPRESS CONCLUDED HIS SPECULATIVE PIECE ON THE KISSINGER VISIT: "UNLIKE SOME FOOLISH AMERICANS WHO FAIL TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN PRESENT DIFFICULTIES AND FUTURE POTENTIAL, KISSINGER KNOWS THAT INDIA WILL PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN WORLD AFFAIRS AND IN ANY CONCEPTUAL SCHEME FOR WORLD ORDER THERE HAS TO BE A PLACE FOR INDIA."

4. THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL EXPRESS DEVOTED ITS LAST FIVE PAGES TO A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT ON INDO-U.S. ECONOMIC COOPERATION SPONSORED BY THE INB-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

5. THE TIMES OF INDIA CARRIED A PAGE-ONE STORY BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT M.V. KAMATH REPORTING, "A WAY FOR THE U.S. TO PROVIDE FOOD AID TO INDIA UNDER THE FOOD FOR PEACE LEGISLATION HAS APPARENTLY BEEN WORKED OUT, BUT THE AGREEMENT WILL NOT BE ANNOUNCED DURING DR. HENRY KISSINGER'S STAY IN NEW DELHI, THE WASHINGTON POST REPORTED TODAY" (DATELINED OCTOBER 27).

6. THE ONLY EDITORIAL ON MONDAY APPEARED IN RIGHT-WING NATIONALIST MOTHERLAND, WHICH GAUGED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT BY THE FACT THAT HE IS HOUSED AT THE RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN, "AS IF HE WERE A HEAD OF STATE," AND DECLARED: "WE ARE GLAD TO NOTE THAT DR. KISSINGER HAS TAKEN A MATURE AND RELAXED ATTITUDE TO THE INDIAN NUCLEAR PROGRAMME. PROGRESS WITH THAT PROGRAMME COULD FURTHER IMPROVE INDO-AMERICAN RELATIONS BY REDUCING THE POWER GAP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES."

7. THE PAPER ALSO CARRIED ON ITS EDITORIAL PAGE AN ARTICLE BY K.P. KARUNAKARAN OF DELHI UNIVERSITY HEADED, "KISSINGER CAN IMPROVE INDO-AMERICAN RELATIONS." IN WHICH THE AUTHOR JUDGED THAT "THERE IS ONLY VERY CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM IN THIS COUNTRY" REGARDING THE RESULTS OF DR. KISSINGER'S VISIT: "THE U.S. PRESS AND COMMENTATORS HAVE ALMOST IGNORED THE EVENT SO FAR. IT WAS AS IF INDIA IS NOT AT PRESENT VERY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RELEVANT TO THE GLOBAL POLICIES OF THE U.S."

8. THE PATRIOT TREATMENT OF BOTH THE SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL AND TOAST WAS CRITICAL. THE BURDEN OF THE TREATMENT WAS THAT INDIA COULD ACHIEVE ITS GOALS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH ITS SOUTH ASIAN NEIGHBORS IF THE US DID NOT ROCK THE BOAT BY INTRODUCING EXTRANEIOUS FACTORS SUCH AS ARMS INTO THE REGION. IN ADDITION TO FRONT PAGE STORIES

ON THE ARRIVAL AND DEMONSTRATIONS PATRIOT CARRIED A THIRD
PIECE ASSERTING THAT US EMBASSY CIRCLES IN NEW DELHI WERE
CONCERNED AND TAKEN BACK BY MRS. GANDHI'S REFERENCE TO
INDIA BEING ONLY MARGINAL IN WASHINGTON'S GLOBAL STRATEGY.
(NEW DELHI 14430).

9. THE STATE-RUN ALL INDIA RADIO ON SUNDAY NIGHT CARRIED
BOTH RADIO AND TELEVISION NEWS ACCOUNTS OF DR. KISSINGER'S
ARRIVAL, INCLUDING FILM CLIPS OF THE ARRIVAL CEREMONY AND
THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS.
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